

Mission of the Montana Behavioral Initiative

The Montana Behavioral Initiative (MBI) is envisioned to be a comprehensive staff development venture created to improve the capacities of schools and communities to meet the diverse and increasingly complex social, emotional and behavioral needs of students. The MBI will assist educators and other community members in developing the attitudes, skills and systems necessary to ensure that each student leaves public education and enters the community with social competence appropriate to the individual regardless of ability or disability.

Belief Statements

- * All students should be treated with dignity and respect.
 - * Students should be taught skills for success.
 - * Motivation and responsibility are encouraged through positive proactive interactions.
 - * Misbehavior provides a teaching opportunity.
 - * Staff must work together to meet students' needs.
 - * Schools and communities must work together to meet the diverse needs of students.
 - * Safe schools create an environment where academics flourish.
- Positive, proactive and preventative efforts of schools and communities can defeat violence.